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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/056,858
Filing Date	January 23, 2002
First Named Inventor	Bland, Jeffrey S., et al.
Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	K.C. Srivastava
Attorney Docket Number	062114-0016

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply in Response to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2004
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502624. Total Fees \$681.00
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$385.00 (small entity)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (2 months - \$210.00)
- iii. ☒ Other (additional claims, etc.) Additional Claims fees for 2 independent claims \$86.00
Return receipt postcard.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

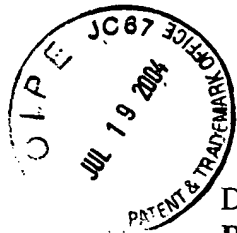
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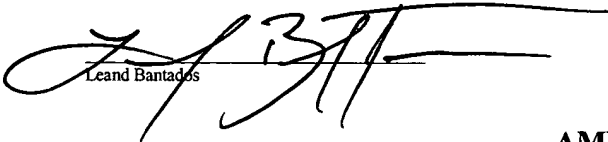
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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 41552
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Bland, Jeffrey S., et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3800
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Serial No.: 10/056,858	:	Group Art Unit: 1651
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Filed: January 23, 2002	:	Examiner: K.C. Srivastava
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.